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During the week prices were lower for the larger sizes in New York. All other reported prices were unchanged throughout the week. The trade sentiment was usually barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for planned and ongoing feature activity. Food service demand was light to generally moderate. Supplies of extra large and large ranged fully adequate to ample while mediums were noted as adequate for current needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower during the week. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the quiet demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current processing schedules. Removal prices were generally steady at 0-10.5 cents, mostly 5-5.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to at times moderate with the best interest coming from features planned for next week. Loose egg demand was generally moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were usually adequate for jumbo, medium, and small and fully adequate to ample for large and extra large. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were ample in most locations with demand remaining very quiet. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to weak.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	69-78	73-75
LARGE	69-77	71-74
MEDIUM	60-66	63-65

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however the larger sizes were trending sharply lower. The market tone was barely steady to weak for the larger sizes, but medium eggs were in a steadier position. Demand ranged light to moderate, best where features were a factor. Large eggs were advertised at 99 cents a dozen. Supplies were adequate to readily available with the heavier weight eggs in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were usually fully adequate for the light demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient for the at least moderate demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	77-91	77-80
LARGE	71-85	76-80
MEDIUM	60-73	66-67

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Apr 23, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	78.50	78.00	66.50
SOUTHEAST	78.50	76.50	64.00
MIDWEST	74.00	72.50	64.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	81.50	77.50	67.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	78.29	76.18	65.61

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	04-27-04	04-20-04	04-29-03
Large	52-59	52-59	37-41
Medium	43-47	43-47	34-38

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-APR 26, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.9	14.9	4.5	10.1	10.1	47.5
	Change	-0.1	-1.8	1.1	-0.9	0.9	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.4	51.9	20.1	23.4	34.1	150.9
	Change	0.8	4.4	4.3	-0.7	3.3	9%
Large	Curr Wk	49.5	144.1	86.4	110.8	125.3	516.1
	Change	5.6	28.9	-1.0	14.7	12.8	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.9	37.0	12.2	17.8	25.7	105.6
	Change	1.4	-5.9	-1.1	-1.1	4.3	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	3.7	8.1	1.3	4.2	6.5	23.8
	Change	1.6	4.2	-1.8	-1.3	1.1	19%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	23.5	10.1	14.6	5.4	59.6
	Change	1.3	1.6	1.6	-2.0	-0.3	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.8	70.8	18.1	31.3	23.5	159.5
	Change	3.2	16.8	1.8	2.7	-1.5	17%
Total	Curr Wk	117.2	350.3	152.7	212.2	230.6	1063.0
Percent	Change	13%	16%	3%	6%	10%	10%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1063.0	10%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	278.0	1%	35
Total Shell Egg	1341.0	8%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 24-APR-04

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,275,904	29,940	12,810	6,866	2,645	4,468
PW	1,250,367	29,610	11,954	6,784	2,771	4,288
LY	1,140,780	26,695	11,101	6,184	1,940	4,208
% CHG PW	2	1	7	1	-5	4
% CHG LY	12	12	15	11	36	6
2004	18,846,646	448,275	180,256	100,196	41,091	65,784
2003	17,756,019	431,900	161,567	89,334	35,852	66,076
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	12	15	0

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUD	42.39	42.10	42.24
(INEDIBLE EXCLUD	38.89	38.67	38.55

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	19 Selected States		in 19 Selected States	
	Apr 17	Apr 24	Apr 17	Apr 24
	Thousand			
AL	30,883	30,956	21,798	21,935
AR	31,899	31,945	*25,120	24,815
DE	*3,648	3,834	*4,959	4,938
FL	1,345	1,342	1,502	1,416
GA	33,291	33,174	*26,269	26,173
KY	*7,193	6,898	*5,894	5,998
LA	3,981	3,944	3,430	3,793
MD	8,847	8,921	*5,897	5,926
MS	19,480	19,371	16,741	17,368
NC	19,070	18,921	15,076	14,916
OK	*6,793	6,746	*5,261	5,650
PA	3,861	3,946	2,626	2,718
SC	3,768	3,748	4,367	4,001
TX	15,346	15,351	12,666	12,844
VA	6,518	6,529	5,236	5,197
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,861	17,842	*16,308	15,380
19 State Total	*213,784	213,468	*173,150	173,068
Previous Year Total	208,865	207,999	168,183	172,080
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	103	101

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 05-Jun-04 is estimated at 159.4 million head. This compares to 157.9 million head the previous week and to 159.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 61.36 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/22/04-04/28/04

CURRENT LDS		83.00	FUTURE LDS		43.25	TOTAL LDS		126.25
		SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOAD	
GNR W 1	56.00	—	57.75	59.57	—	—	7.00	
GNR W 4	—	47.50	—	51.00	46.00	48.50	4.00	
GL W J	—	—	73.75	75.00	76.00	66.00	3.00	
GL W XL	—	68.32	67.00	69.17	60.84	62.72	64.00	
GL W LG	—	—	52.50	—	56.70	62.00	9.00	
GL W MD	58.00	57.00	58.21	58.89	59.05	57.00	23.00	
GL W SM	41.00	43.00	46.00	48.00	—	44.33	4.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	57.33	60.47	59.16	72.00	
NRBS - 45	—	—	52.50	54.67	—	—	2.00	
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	43.00	45.00	4.00	

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-APR-04

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.8	22.1	17	45
BOSTON	3.6	3.9	-8	0
CHICAGO	54.7	57.2	-4	47
DETROIT	24.0	24.1	0	1
KANSAS CITY	3.1	2.8	11	-3
LOS ANGELES	87.0	98.1	-11	16
NEW ORLEANS	9.2	9.3	-1	-8
NEW YORK	29.7	28.0	6	1
ST. LOUIS	16.7	14.5	15	5
SAN FRANCISCO	19.4	18.4	5	-3
TOTAL	273.2	278.4	-2	16
4 WK MVG AVG	325.4			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 24-APR-04

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,743	2,527	52	2	4,324
AVG WT	16.13	37.32	25.47	35.84	28.63
LAST WEEK	1,634	2,466	49	5	4,154
SAME WK YR AGO	1,868	2,929	45	2	4,844
AVG WT	15.76	37.18	24.04	28.19	28.79
TO-DATE/2004	27,053	39,494	727	123	67,397
TO-DATE/2003	27,820	43,238	958	244	72,260

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 24-APR-04						
(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
N EAST	779	-4	22.36	(A)	780	22.36
SATL	741	10	31.90	(A)	742	31.90
N CENT	1,911	2	32.78	(A)	1,911	32.78
S CENT	526	12	21.74	(A)	526	21.74
WEST	365	12	23.52	(A)	365	23.52
U.S. TOTAL	4,322(B)	4	28.63	2	4,324	28.63
TO-DATE						
2004	67,274(B)				123	67,397
TO-DATE						
2003	72,016(B)				244	72,260

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 52,000; for the current year to date 727,000; for last year to date 958,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 24-Apr-04
(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	156,011	1,424	1,250	2,674	465
AVG WT	5.20	3.26	7.75	5.36	6.74
LAST WEEK	152,185	1,464	1,287	2,751	422
SAME WK YR AGO	153,380	1,880	1,242	3,122	428
AVG WT	5.16	3.43	7.94	5.22	6.64
TO-DATE/2004	2,453,097	20,758	20,220	40,978	7,370
TO-DATE/2003	2,414,135	27,591	21,360	48,951	6,693

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.9 million head or 2.0 which was 99% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-May-04

CLASS	Current Week 05/01/04(1)	Previous Week 04/24/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	162,900(2)	158,623
LT HENS	1,378	1,505
HVY HENS	1,451	1,327
CHECK TOTAL	165,729	161,455

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-May-04 is 161.1 million head compared to 158.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.2 million head or 2.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 08-May-04 the estimated available is 161.9 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MARCH 20	154.9	158.6	98%	5.15
27	154.6	158.0	98%	5.16
APRIL 3	153.9	156.9	98%	5.19
10	152.3	157.6	97%	5.22
17	154.0	158.8	97%	5.26
24	157.9	159.9	99%	5.20
YEAR TO DATE	2483.0	2518.3	99%	
MAY 1		161.1		
8		161.9		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 4/26/04-04/30/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	72.00-75.00	74.50	43	76.68	79	
Los Angeles	80.00	79.63	67	78.15	178	
New York	75.00-78.00	76.36	25	75.04	54	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
26-Apr-04	19-Apr-04	19-Apr-04	28-Apr-03
76.05	-0.48	76.53	58.10
NUMBER OF LOADS	658		

MONTHLY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WTD AVG	LOADS
APRIL	76.40	2713.20

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	66-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65-66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	65-67	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 04/26/04	3,263	182,085	44,852
AM 04/01/04	3,195	183,458	41,759
CHG	68	-1373	3093
PCT CHG	2%	-1%	7%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 26-Apr-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
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Southeast (1) 6.25-10.5 CENTS/LB. 9-9.5 9.33

Southeast (2) TFEWR

South Central(1) 6.5-12.25 CENTS/LB. 9-9.75 9.56

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 23-Apr-04 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REMOVAL COST

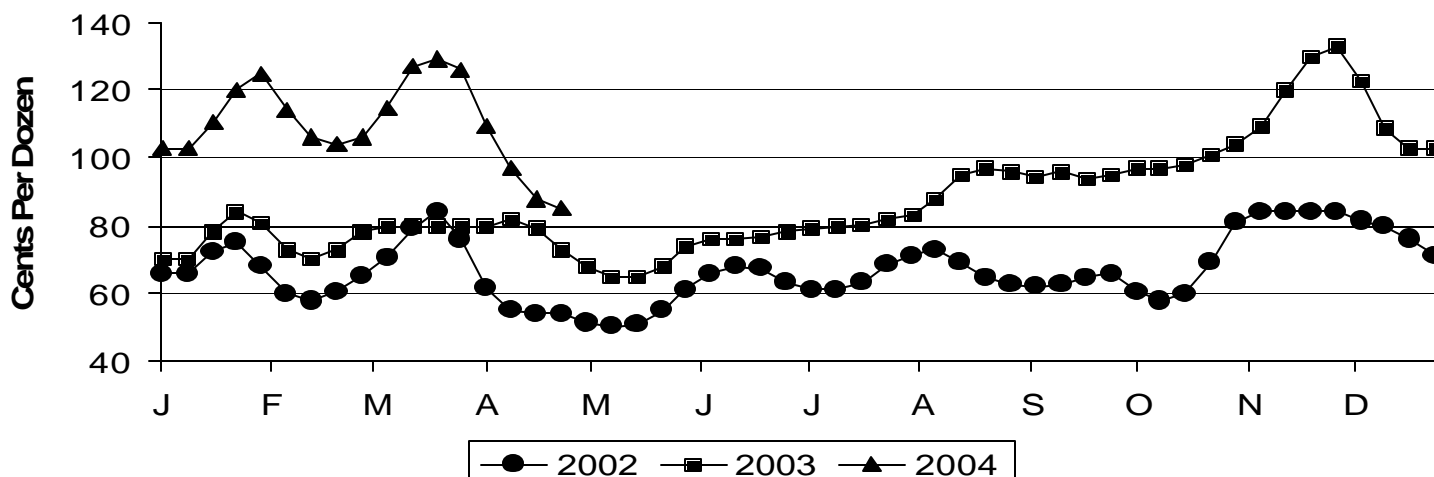
	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	0-12	8-10.5
So. Central	Too Few To Report	
No. Central	0-10.5	5-5.5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

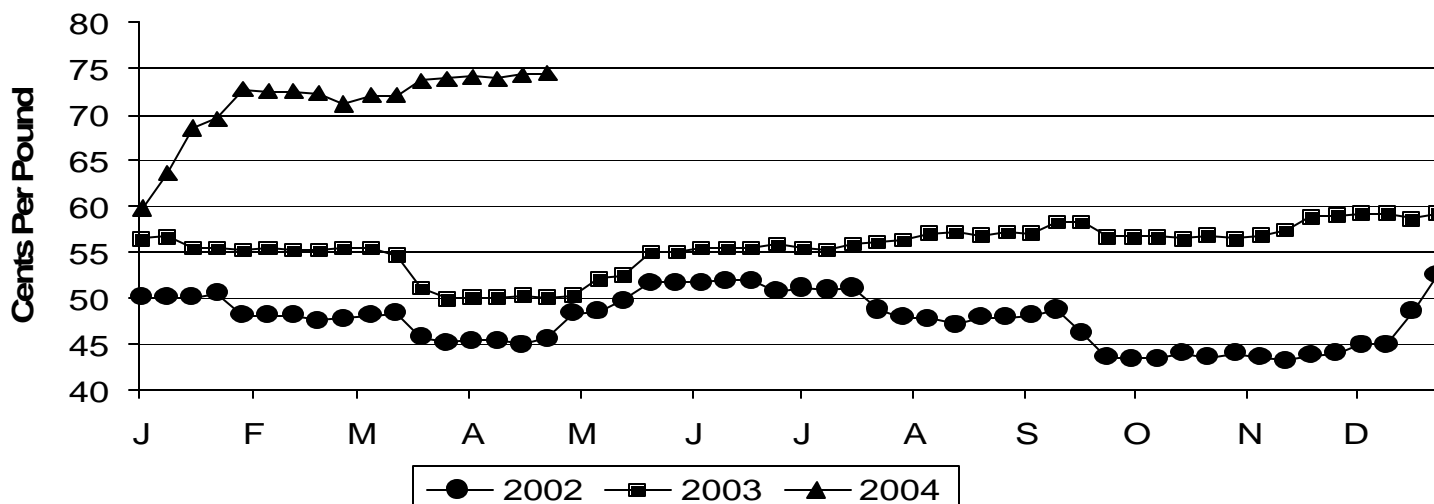
W/E 24-Apr-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	215.6	-8	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	524.4	5	4
W.N. CENTRAL	270.4	3	-1
S. ATLANTIC	178.9	-1	2
S. CENTRAL	102.9	5	12
WEST	174.1	-17	-4
TOTAL	1466.3	-1	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

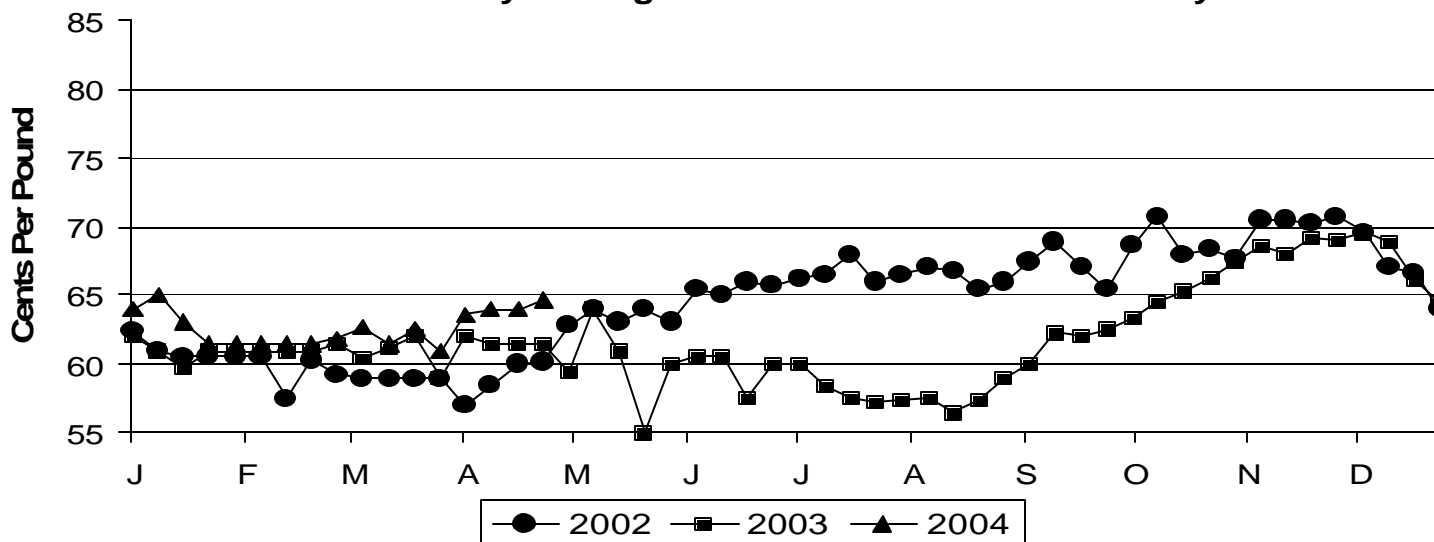
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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